(b) During the financial years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86, the revenue of Telecommunications was more than the expenditure and the revenue of Posts was less than the expenditure.

(c) Expected revenue during the current financial year 1986-87 after taking into account the recent increase in postal rates will be of the order, of Rs. 563. 00 crores,

(d) Compilation of this information from the individual records of over 30 lakh telephone and telex subscribers will involve considerable time and labour which may not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

Post Offices and Postmen in the Country

855. DP;. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS bo pleased to state:

(a) number of postmen in the country till December 31st, 1986;

(b) number of postmen in the country till December, 1986?

(c) number of postmen recruited during the last five years;

(d) number of post offices in the icountry flve years ago; and

(e) number of post offices in the country till December, 1986?

THE MDHSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Total number of posts of postmen at the beginning of Financial year 1986 was 53, 800. The corresponding number at the beginning of Financial year 1981 was **50, 476.**

(c) Approximately 3320.

(d) **and** (e) The number of post offices in **1961** and 1986 was 1, 40, 435 and 1, 44, 065 respectively.

Subsidy given to State Transport Corporations

856. SHRIMATI KANAK MUK-HERJEE; Will the Minister of SUB-FACE TRANSPORT be pleased *<> state the amount of subsidy given to the State Transport Corporations in Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and oher Metropolitan cities during the last 3 years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): No subsidy has been paid by the Central Government to State Transport Corporations in Metropolitan cities during the last 3 years.

Report of the Working Group for Development of a Central Council of Rural Institutes

857. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether theWorking Group on setting up newrural Institutes has submitted anyreport to the Government;

(b) if so what are the details thereof and the recommendations made; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRI-SHNA SAHT): (a) The Working Group set up for the formulation of a detailed project for the development of rural institutes and for the *—1* establishment of Central Council of Rural Institutes has submitted Part A of the project report. However, the remaining part of the report if still awaited.